

# 24, 25 September 2016 \* Second Sunday after Holy Cross



Holy Cross

## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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The Weekly Video of Our Sunday Liturgy can be found on our Web Site <http://www.sjmaronite.org>

**“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”**  
St. John XXIII, Pope of Rome

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., \* Sunday 10:00 a.m. \* Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel  
The Miraculous Medal and the St. Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.
- Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Call the Office
- Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

\*Suggested donation for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St. Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.  
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

<b>Choir Director:</b> Fefa Deeb	<b>Sacristan:</b> Laurie Nale	<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Paula Mitchell
<b>Teachers DRE:</b> Lenore Boles, <b>K-1<sup>st</sup></b> Lenore Boles, <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Jane Lee <b>3-5<sup>th</sup></b> Shana Page,		
<b>Parish Council:</b> Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson	<b>Ex-officio:</b> Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.	

### Matthew 24:1-14

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, **“You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”** When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Jesus answered them, **“Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah!’ and they will lead many astray.**

**And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.”**

**“Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.”**

### Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The Temple was destroyed again as a place of worship for the Jews by the Romans around 70 A.D... This ended the ability to make their yearly pilgrimage to the Temple to offer the yearly sacrifice. There is still a wall where prayers are offered. This area is a source of smoldering tension for Jews, Christians, and Muslims over who has ownership and access to these holy sites.

All through Christian history, groups have speculated and picked a year in which the world will end. What is consistent is that they have always been wrong. Trying to interpret Scripture independent of history and tradition has fragmented Christianity into thousands of conflicting organizations. The Catholic

and Orthodox Faith are the only Christian Communities that have an unbroken historical tradition. This doesn't mean identical rituals and traditions, but the same faith expressed in these rituals.

We believe the Catholic Church contains all the teaching necessary to find salvation and enter into the Kingdom. A Catholic has the freedom to reject those teachings that lead to eternal life. There certainly are people who are not Catholic who have embraced portions of the beliefs who still will have eternal life.

This is why it is impossible and also wrong to try to figure out or declare who is saved and not saved. What is possible and right is to seek all that is available to know about Jesus Christ, and to live fully all that he calls us to live.

Jesus is concerned about false teachings regarding Him. Our fears, our greed, our anger, our confusion and jealousies breed the spirit of blindness unable to see the deception and lies. As soon as we began to teach false things about one another, we began to head toward war, persecution, and fear. The words written and spoken become loveless and become a loathing self-righteousness.

Jesus struggled with His own Apostles over this, needing to correct them, for instance when they wanted the buildings to fall on their enemies. To choose evil or mislead through false claims to fight evil makes the world only more evil. **Aboona**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

*Heal Your servants, who are sick,  
O Lord, and send them help  
And comfort from Your holy place.*

Those who seek our prayers: **Fr. Bill Clark, Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Lester Giguere, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Gordon Webber.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,168.00

God bless you for your generosity.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

**Liturgy Helps:**

**Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** Oct. 8, 9 Fuel Collection  
Oct. 15, 16 World Mission Sunday

**Liturgy: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross Pg.606/8**

Page numbers for the Prayers and Songs are on the back cover of the Bulletin.

**Liturgy Intentions**

- Sat 24 4:00 pm**  
† **Ralph Cogswell**  
By Michael & Cynthia Cogswell
- Sun 25 10:00 am**  
† **Reggie Michaud (40 day Liturgy)**  
By Larry & Paula Mitchell
- † **John M. Joseph**  
By His Family

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

- Mon 26 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 27 9:00 am  
† **Amine Mikael Sadd & Hoda Honeine**  
By John Sleiman
- Wed 28 14 9:00 am  
† **Jean Marie Cunningham**  
By John Sleiman
- Thu 29 9:00 am  
† **Abed Daou**  
By John Sleiman
- Fri 30 9:00 am  
† **Caroline Nale**  
By Mark & Laurie Nale
- Sat 1 4:00 pm**  
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**  
By Patricia, David & Paula Smus
- Sun 2 10:00 am**  
† **Caroline Nale**  
By The Family

**Liturgy Codes:** † = Faithful Departed, SI = Special Intention, AV. = Anniversary, H = Health.

**September Food Pantry**

Ravioli Stews  
Jiffy mixes Personal care items

**Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.**

## September Devotions

### St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For **Prinella Mitchell**

By Lowell & Mary Hawes

### St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For **Clarence Jensen**

By The Family

## Altar Bread

Available

## Altar Wine

For **John & Margaret Joseph & Family**

By Rosanna Joseph

*See someone new? Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.*

*Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble.*

~Philipp Melancthon

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **Second Sunday after Holy Cross**

1 Cor. 15:19-34 Matthew 24:1-14

September 24 Lenore Boles

25 Joe Rowden

### **Third Sunday after Holy Cross**

Philemon 3:17-4:1 Matthew 24:23-31

October 1 Ruth Lunn

2 Joe Rowden

## **EVENTS FOR OCTOBER**

Sun 2 Religious Education

Wed 5 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sun 9 Rosary Meeting

**Dates to remember:** Christmas Bazaar Nov.5; Rosary Christmas Party, Dec. 11; Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 18.

## **Coffee Schedule**

Sept 25 Lenore Boles & Pam Casavant

Oct 2 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes

Oct 9 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Oct 16 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

Oct 23 Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin

Oct 30 Laya Joseph & Rosanna Joseph

## **Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations**

We will be changing the way we schedule the Vocation Icon to allow more options. For now, we will schedule a person once a month or less often.

Aramaic/Syriac Bible

“Request therefore of The Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest.” Matt. 9:38

Sep 24 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Sep 25 Pearley & Alice Lachance

Oct 1 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Oct 2 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Oct 8 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Oct 9 Larry & Lisa Grard

Oct 23 Mary Jo Hodgkin

## **Deepest Sympathy**

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Dale Sturtevant** of this parish on the loss of her mother who died recently.

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **June Jabar** and the **Jabar family** on the loss of their loved one, **Herb Jabar** who passed away early Friday morning.

We pray that the Lord God may grant them rest in His kingdom and consolation to their family and loved ones.